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SUBJ: KIM YONG-SAM RETURNS WITH BARBED STATEMENT TO PRESS

1. RETURNING TO KIMPO AIRPORT FROM TWO MONTH VISIT TO U.S. AND JAPAN, OPPOSITON FIGURE KIM YONG-SAM MARCH 3 CRITICIZED ROKG FOR ISOLATING KOREA IN WORLD AND ALSO TOOK SHOT AT HIS OWN OPPOSITION PARTY'S IMAGE.

2. KIM MAINTAINED THAT KOREA "IS IN VERY LONELY POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY," AND CONTENDED (A) U.S. TROOPS WILL DEFINITELY DEPART KOREA, ONLY QUESTION BEING TIME AND MANNER; (B) U.S./KOREAN RELATIONS ARE AT LOW EBB (AS IS STATUS OF HIS OWN NDP). KIM BASED CONTENTION ON TALKS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS, INCLUDINO UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE HABIB, WHO KIM NOTED PARENTHETICALLY WAS "NUMBER ONE OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH KOREAN POLICY." KIM SAID HE HAD EMPHASIZED TO HABIB HIS FIRM CONVICTION THAT U.S. TROOPS SHOULD REMAIN.

3. KIM ALSO REMARKED THAT HE WAS STRUCK BY NEED TO IMPROVE U.S./KOREAN RELATIONSHIP AND TO RESTORE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPTES OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THIS RESTORATIONN HE SAID, "REQUIRES AS PRECONDITION, NATIONAL ATMOSPHERE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH PEOPLE OF BOTH COUNTRIES TRUST ONE ANOTHER, PREDICATED ON IDENTICAL DEMOCRATIC BELIEFS AND IDEOLOGY."

4. KIM TOSSSED A FEW BRICKBATS AT HIS OZN PERTY'S IMAGE, INDIRECTLY ATTACKING YI CHOL-SUNG. KIM SAID HE "REALIZED FULLY IMAGE OF HIS OWN PARTY AS IT IS REFLECTED OVERSEAS" ALTHOUGH HE ONLY IMPLIED NDP HAD NEGATIVE IMAGE. KIM SAID

HE FELT NEED FOR "GENUINE OPPOSITION PARTY WHICH WILL FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS." HE SAID HE INTENDED TO DISUCSS THIS ISSUE FULLY WITH HIS COLLEAGUES.

5. PRESS CONFERENCE WAS CARRIED BY TONGA ILBO ON FRONT PAGE WITH OTHER PRESS FEATURING IT PROMINENTLY WITH EXCEPTION OF TWO ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS WHICH ONLY NOTED KIM'S ARRIVAL. RADIO COVERED KIM'S STATEMENTS IN DETAIL.
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